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A CURIOUS SCENE IN CHURCH.

Among the offences known to the English common law is that of "brawling in church." A year or two since a bishop was prosecuted for stopping the service to rebuke two young ladies who bowed at the Gloria Patri. But this case is capped by one recently tried in a Manchester court. The plaintiff in this case was the butler of the Rev. Thomas Blundell, Hollishead Blundell, of Halsale; the defendant was Mrs. Blundell.

The butler testified that he was in the pew directly in front of the one in which Mrs. Blundell was sitting; that during the hymn before the sermon she leaned over and struck him three times on the shoulder with her hymn book; that she turned about and told her it would become her as a lady to stop that; that when then hymn was over she came out of her pew, stood at the door of his, and ordered him to leave the church; that her husband came down from the pulpit and repeated the order; that upon his refusal Mrs. Blundell "closing her fist, drew it up to his face as if about to strike him, and clenched her teeth;" that she asked the coachman to put him out, and upon his declining to undertake the job went back to her own pew, and that he sat out the rest of the service.

Heyes, laborer, testified that he saw Mrs. Blundell push the complainant with her hymn book twice. They were not blows; she merely touched him on the shoulder with the book.—He could not hear what was said, but he could see Mrs. Blundell's lips moving.

Hughes, commercial traveller, corroborated this version of the story. Being a little deaf he did not hear what Mrs. Blundell said, but he could see her lips moving. When the Rev. Mr. Blundell came down from the pulpit, witness heard the complainant tell him that he would report him to his bishop. That was said in a rather loud tone, and that was why witness heard it. He also observed Mrs. Blundell put herself in a position as if she were ordering the complainant out of the pew. He did not see her put her fist in his face nor clench her teeth. Witness went to the church for the purpose of enjoying the service, but what occurred spoiled all the enjoyment. He never witnessed such a scene in a church before.

The coachman testified that the butler was standing at the time on one leg, with one hand on the pew door and the other holding his hymn book. Mrs. Blundell's counsel explained that the butler had been spoken to about a fortnight before the day in question, for irreverence in church. On the day in question the position he stood in was irreverent, and Mrs. Blundell touched him on the back with her book to call his attention to his conduct.

The magistrates debated the matter for a quarter of an hour, and came to the conclusion that the assault complained of was not so severe as to merit punishment. The principle seems to be thus established, that if butlers stand on one leg in service time it is lawful to punch them in the backs with hymn books.

A WONDERFUL FLOWER.

Dr. F. N. Otis, in a work called the "Isthmus of Panama and its connections," gives the following description of a wonderful and singularly beautiful flower, found on the line of the Panama railroad, in the vicinity of Lion Hill station:

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